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SUBJECT: CREATION OF COMMISSION ON BANANA COMPANIES

1. SITRATERCO (UNITED BRANDS UNION) SECCEN OBDULIO  
CACERES TOLD LABOFF MAY 15 THAT DURING MEETING BETWEEN  
MELGAR AND LABOR LEADERS MAY 13, THE CHIEF OF STATE  
EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO FORM ACOMMISSION TO STUDY  
THE FRUIT COMPANIES IN HONDURAS. CACERES ADDED THAT,  
FOR THE MOMENT, MELGAR'S DECISION IS BEING CLOSELY HELD.

2. CACERES SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WILL BE FORMED BY  
APPROXIMATELY 25 PEOPLE INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
THE FRUIT COMPANY UNIONS. THE COMMISSION WILL EXAMINE  
ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMPANIES' PRESENCE IN HONDURAS AND  
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMPANIES AND THE GOH. THE  
INTENTION IS TP PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT WILL ALLOW THE  
GOH TO FORM A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMPANIES TO  
BETTER PROTECT THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL  
INTERESTS.

3. FOR THE MOMENT, AT LEAST, THE THREE MAN COMMISSION  
STUDYING THE TRANSFER OF THE COMPANY-OWNED RAILROADS AND  
DOCKS TO THE GOVERNMENT IS SUSPENDED AND WILL PROBABLY  
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BE INCORPORATED INTO THE LARGER COMMISSION.

4. ACCORDING TO CACERES, MELGAR ASSURED THE UNION  
LEADERS THAT THE GOH WAS NOT CONSIDERING THE NATIONALIZA-  
TION OF THE UNITED BRANDS HONDURAN OPERATIONS.  
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